

**Ambassador Feinstein's Toast at Business Summit Gala Dinner**  
**June 20, 2012, Zamek Królewski, 19:00**

Prime Minister Pawlak, Secretary Blank, distinguished guests:  
thank you so much for joining us this evening to celebrate the strength  
and depth of the relationship between Poland and the United States.

I wish to thank especially Prime Minister Pawlak for having been  
such a generous host to our delegation these past two days.

That we are gathered here in one of the most beautiful locations in Warsaw is thanks to his leadership, his vision, and the efforts on his staff. The United States is indeed fortunate to have good friends like you, Mr. Prime Minister.

I also wish to express my appreciation to Secretary Blank, who has come to Warsaw to help us realize President Obama's commitment to Poland: that together we will strengthen our commercial partnership, grow our economies, create new jobs, and develop new opportunities for our companies. We have set a very ambitious agenda at the Summit today. I thank Secretary Blank for being with us today to share her ideas on how we can accomplish our goals and to give our ideas momentum.

The long history of cooperation between Poland and the United States is built on our mutual traditions of historic ties and deeply felt shared values: entrepreneurship, creativity, innovation, and good old hard work are values that we both cherish and that have over the year made the United States world's largest economy and Poland's economy the European Union's fastest growing.

Earlier this evening, the American Chamber of Commerce recognized companies that exemplify these very values. They are the best in innovation and entrepreneurship – not just in Poland and the United States, but globally.

This week's Business Summit provides a unique opportunity to reflect on that shared history and – more importantly – to look forward towards the next dynamic chapter in our partnership and friendship.

Let us raise our glasses to that prosperous future.